

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicants: Anne Boullin et al.

Entitled: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A DEHYDRATED FOOD PRODUCT  
FROM A WET PLANT MATERIAL

Serial No.: To be assigned

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

**In the Claims:**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c) (3), please substitute for pending claims 4, 5 and 7-9 with the following clean version of the claims. The changes to these claims are shown explicitly in the attached "Marked Up Version of Claims."

4. (Amended) Process according to Claim 1, characterized in that the said spreading of oil is carried out by coating the wall with the aid of a roller.

5. (Amended) Process according to Claim 1, characterized in that the said spreading of oil is carried out by spraying, in particular by micro-spraying.

7. (Amended) Process according to Claim 1, characterized in that the film of vegetable oil is distributed intermittently.

8. (Amended) Process according to Claim 1, characterized in that palm oil is used.

9. (Amended) Process according to Claim 1, characterized in that the wet plant material is a fruit and/or vegetable purée.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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**MARKED UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS**

4. (Amended) Process according to [one of Claims 1 to 3] Claim 1, characterized in that the said spreading of oil is carried out by coating the wall with the aid of a roller.

5. (Amended) Process according to [one of Claims 1 to 3] Claim 1, characterized in that the said spreading of oil is carried out by spraying, in particular by micro-spraying.

7. (Amended) Process according to [one of Claims 1 to 6] Claim 1, characterized in that the film of vegetable oil is distributed intermittently.

8. (Amended) Process according to [one of Claims 1 to 7] Claim 1, characterized in that palm oil is used.

9. (Amended) Process according to [one of Claims 1 to 8] Claim 1, characterized in that the wet plant material is a fruit and/or vegetable purée.